

# THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

*The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club*

AFFILIATED WITH  
THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.



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A NON-STOCK CORPORATION BY THE  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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May 24, 1962.

ANNUAL REPORT of M.R.A.C. Officers to the membership. 1961-1962

( In the absence of individual reports from the other officers, this report can be considered a combined report).

## ATTENDANCE

As you members who have attended meetings with some regularity well know, our attendance at meetings during the past several years has not been encouraging. Our average attendance the past season has been 35, with a high of around 55 and a low of 22. We have had five guest speakers during the past season and their programs were quite well accepted by those attending.

It has become increasingly difficult from year to year, to obtain guest speakers for our programs. Consequently we have at times lacked program material and the attendance has declined on these occasions. I might add, too, that for a few people who devote great effort to provide programs, it is very disheartening to see a small group in attendance.

In view of the situation, as it exists, it is felt that two meetings a month are sufficient and more than two meetings would be inadvisable.

## MEMBERSHIP

During the past season we have obtained eight new members. Not a great number, but it does show that people are still interested in being affiliated with an organization such as ours.

We have in the past year issued nine Life Memberships to qualified members.

We have, according to our records, 19 former members who have failed to renew their membership for 1961-62.

Our supply of Membership application blanks has been depleted and a new supply of blanks are now being produced and printed by a committee of Board members.

## CLUB ROSTER

Because last years Club roster was late being produced and circulated, the Board of Directors decided to delay the 1962 roster until the close of the club season. Work on the roster is proceeding at this time, advertising is being secured and it is expected the roster will be ready by mid-summer and as free of errors as is humanly possible.

## ACTIVITIES

During the past year a sizeable group of the members have been active in contests, field day and other events. This years Field Day will be on the basis of inter-club competition between the Northsiders and the Southsiders and should prove very interesting.

The club presently is planning an Annual Merit Award, candidates for such award to be nominated by members.

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It is also planned to re-activate the Annual Contest Cup Award for contest competition. Details and rules for these awards are to be published in a future edition of Hamateur Chatter.

### Social.

During the course of the year the club sponsored a Social event in the form of a combined bowling party, dance and dinner. Although not a complete success from a financial angle, it was a success and well enjoyed by those who attended.

### FINANCE

Like any organization of this size there are of course considerable normal operating expenses and the officers are of course committed to keep our expenses below our income, the main source of which is dues.

During the past year I recommended to the Board of Directors that the Club's Savings Bonds, some of which had expired, be redeemed and converted to paid-up Building and Loan stock. This recommendation was approved and the financial transfer was made. The Club now owns \$3000.00 in paid up stock in the St. Francis Building and Loan Corporation, which at the current rate of interest produces \$135.00 a year, payable semi-annually. This income is added to the club treasury to be used for regular expenditures. In the transfer of the above mentioned funds the sum of \$148.00 was added to the treasury during the year.

So far this year we have not been billed by the Library for any overtime use of the Conference Room.

The club did suffer a deficit of approximately \$75.00 on the social event we held and the Club has also made a contribution of \$100.00 to the A.R.R.L. Building fund.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Board of Directors has been considering an addition to our Club roster to include a courtesy listing of all amateurs in the Greater Milwaukee area, to include calls, names and addresses. The possibility of this addition at some future time will depend on our ability to secure sufficient advertising in the roster to offset the additional cost.

During the past year the trusteeship of our club call, W9HRM, has been transferred from Thomas Gettleman, W9IZQ, to Emil Felber, W9RK.

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have given of their time and knowledge to help make this past season a success, especially those who served on the various committees, also the Editors and Publisher of Hamateur-Chatter.

Personally, I have been fortunate enough to have been able to attend all club meetings and all Board of Directors meetings the past season, a total of 30. I feel that all Officers and Directors, barring emergencies, should attempt to do likewise.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President the past year and I expect to continue to be active in Club affairs in some manner.

Thanks again for the cooperation I have received and I am sure the new Officers and Directors will look forward to your cooperation, especially in attendance and participation in Club activities.

Sincerely,

*Russell E. Burss*

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Pres. MRAC 1961-1962